



Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club  
**Next Meeting: February 11, 2016**

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- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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## Minutes of the January 2016 Meeting

By Ruth Flynn

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Chuck Larson, President

- Led Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduced Board of Directors
- Welcomed new members
- Welcomed guests
- Announced 50/50, door prizes and Silent Auction
- Requested volunteers to take over the following positions: Class Coordinator – see Connie Smith; Raffle Prize collector – see Phil or Mattie Gadd; School Events Coordinator – see Ed Lindsey; Shop Manager – see Chuck Larson; Monitors – see Terry Smith or Chuck Larson; Coordinator for Earth Science Day at Mesa Community College in October – see any Board member; someone tech savvy to help with Google Advertising – see Ron Ginn.
- Thanks to various members for all the extra time and effort they’ve been putting in: Wayne Chapman for installing lights out front and back; Phil and Mattie Gadd for the hundreds of hours they’ve put into managing the rock shows; Brian Fermoye for his five years of service as a monitor and handling the Silent Auctions at club meetings; Glenn Reesing and Ed Rice for the extra time they’ve been putting in cutting show rock; Terry Smith for painting and doing so many other things to spruce up the shop; Wally Frlich for his countless hours in handling advertising for the rock shows.
- Requested that members bring in egg cartons and rocks – sorted and labeled – for the Skyline rock show next month
- Announced work party on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 – lots to do

Ruth Flynn, Secretary

- Sent out one sympathy card in the last month

- Created Class sign in sheets – requested that instructors have all attendees sign in so that shop use and classes can be gauged
- Reported for Treasurer (not at meeting) regarding checking, money market and building fund bank accounts

Mattie Gadd, Show Co-chair

- Still need many volunteers for the Skyline rock show next month. Signup sheets are at the club
- Created a Facebook page for the club – check it out!

Bill Jonas, Past President

- Discussed how important the rock shows are to the club – they are the club's lifeblood – money earned is used for scholarships, to pay the mortgage, etc.

Terry Smith, Lead Monitor

- (This has changed since the meeting) As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, the shop will be open Monday through Saturday. Please check the calendar on the website for hours available

Tom Sundling, Trustee

- Con Higley spoke to the city about disposal of the grit from our saws. According to the city, as long as we drain out all the oil, there is no hazardous waste issue

Lynn Carlson, Float Chair

- Need volunteers to help decorate the float and to walk along with the float at the Lost Dutchman's parade on February 27<sup>th</sup>

Wally Frlich, Advertising

- Need someone to take flyers to Ted Montague or Katy Tunicliff at the Superstition Museum this weekend
- Need any info club members might have on radio stations that will do public service announcements regarding our Skyline rock show – free advertising!
- Has created posters for the Skyline rock show – please take one or two to hang at your resort, church, etc.
- Flyers for the Skyline rock show are also available – please hand out as many as possible
- If you'll be at the MacFest in Tempe, please hand out flyers for the Skyline rock show

Ken Perkins, Vice President

- We have lots of t-shirts and hoodies for sale – good quality, reasonable price
- Introduced the speaker for the evening

Don Bouffard, Speaker for the evening

- Retired geologist from Canada gave a very interesting and entertaining presentation
- Don is delighted with all the rocks/minerals that are to be found in Arizona that are not found most other places
- Displayed a large chunk of perlite with apache tears embedded, along with several other rocks he's found here
- Gave a short explanation on igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic stones
- Discussed fossils, rocks and minerals
- Provided a slide show of some of the fossils, rocks and minerals in his own collection – he's got some fabulous things

Check Larson, President

- Announced that Silent Auction would end in 15 minutes

Ed Lindsey, Youth Program Chair

- Requested a volunteer for the School Events Coordinator position – this involves working with any schools that contact us for programs for the students
- Planning a Youth Field Trip tentatively scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>

Dan Jarvis, Member

- Reminder regarding his Metal Detecting Classes – different material at both classes, so please attend both classes
- You are welcome to bring your children
- Remember to bring your metal detector

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

## Rock Tumbling

By Laurie Jonas

Did you know that we have a rotary tumbler setup at the shop? Members can tumble rock for free. You simply need to provide your own drum(s) and grit. If you are a new to rock tumbling (or even if you're an old hat at it), I advise you to review this article before you begin (<http://www.gemstonesadvisor.com/rock-tumbling-free-beginners-guide/>). It provides very good guidelines on the type of rock you can tumble, whether or not you need more than one drum for the various polishing grits, and a plethora of more information for the novice rock tumbler.

## Compass for Your Cause Program

By Linn Mistrot

Are you considering changing banks? Are you thinking about opening a new checking account? If you are please consider BBVA Compass Bank. Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club, Inc., uses Compass Bank and we've been very happy with them.

The Club just signed up for the *Compass For Your Cause Program*. Every time any of our members (or any other supporter) opens a new BBVA Compass Bank Checking Account the Club receives a \$50 royalty. There is **no** cost or charge to you. All you have to do is give Compass Bank the Club's code when you open the account. And if you use the Visa Check card that comes with many of the accounts, the Club will get 0.25% of the purchase amount. Still no cost to you!

**The Apache Junction Rock and Gem Club code number is 114303.**

Compass has several checking account options available. One that is particularly attractive is the Clear Choice Free Checking account. Features include:

- Minimum opening amount of only \$25.00
- No monthly service charge
- One complimentary Visa Check Card
- Unlimited check writing

There are other benefits and other accounts. Ask your bank representative to explain them to you.

They have several locations but the one closest to the Club is on Baseline near Crismon Road. Be sure to give them **the Club's code: 114303**.

## Newsletter Information

By Laurie Jonas

You can place ads in our newsletter for free. The ad does not necessarily need to be about rocks or rock-related items. It can be anything. Please send your ads to me at [jonas.laurie@yahoo.com](mailto:jonas.laurie@yahoo.com).

## Classified Ads

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